

REMARKS

Following the most helpful telephone conversation between the Examiner and the undersigned attorney, Applicant has submitted a rewritten specification to more clearly and definitively describe the invention in accordance with customary U.S. patent practice. Great care has been exercised to avoid the introduction of any new matter to the application. For the Examiner's background interest, there are submitted herewith three sheets of colored photographs of the invention. In a separate Letter to the Official Draftsman, permission has been requested to add certain additional reference numerals to the drawings, and to correct the numbering of the figures for matters of form.

The single original claim has been canceled, and new claims 2 - 13 have been added to more particularly and definitely define the novelty of the present invention. Allowance of these new claims is courteously solicited for the following reasons.

According to applicant's invention, a rectangular bed frame is closed at its bottom by a bottom wall to define an open-topped enclosed space that is divided into a plurality of air insulating pockets by a lattice structure. This lattice structure includes a plurality of parallel spaced horizontal support slats that extend within the enclosed space parallel with a first pair of the frame walls. A plurality of parallel spaced horizontal cross slats are arranged transversely above the support slats. The intermediate portions of the cross slats are supported by the support slats, and the ends of the cross slats are supported by the adjacent faces of the second pair of frame walls. The slat end support means may comprise a plurality of slots for receiving the respective ends of the cross slats, respectively, or inwardly directed projections that either directly support the cross slats, respectively, or support auxiliary support bars that are connected transversely beneath the ends of the cross slats, respectively. The cross slats may be supported either adjacent the top edge of the frame, or in downwardly spaced relation to the top edge.

Various other structural features of the improved bed frame are specifically recited in the amended claims.

As set forth in Applicant's prior response, none of the references of record presents any anticipatory teaching of the Applicant's invention as recited in the amended claims. As a consequence of the helpful telephone conference with the Examiner, it is courteously believed that the amended claims now standing in the application are directed to allowable subject matter.

Favorable action on the new claims is courteously solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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